



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Tasuku HONJO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/674,330

Confirmation No.: 5233

Group Art Unit: 1652

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Examiner: Kerr, K.

For:

A NOVEL POLYPEPTIDE, A cDNA ENCODING THE POLYPEPTIDE AND

UTILIZATION THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2001, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action dated November 15, 2001, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement requiring an election as between:

Group I - Claims 1-8 and 10-12, drawn to mouse A55 polypeptides and compositions thereof, encoding cDNA, vectors, host cells and methods of making the polypeptide;

Group II - Claims 9 and 10, drawn to antibodies to a mouse A55 polypeptide and compositions thereof; and